

spiritual drought. Our souls are hungry for divine food. Like the manna You provided to Your people so long ago, may the words that come from Your mouth feed us in a way that mere bread cannot.

Open our eyes to the nourishment we do not yet know or find hard to understand. Instruct us in Your way and intensify our faith.

Holy God, You have made us an everlasting covenant. All that You set before us will meet our need. May we incline our ears and come to You. May we hear You, that our souls may live.

We lift up these prayers by the strength Your name provides.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. STEEL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. STEEL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of November as Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

Despite many advances in cancer diagnosis, care, and treatment, lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer deaths in America today. Screening is key to detecting lung cancer early and can significantly improve survival outcomes. But fewer than five percent of all eligible Americans undergo screening for lung cancer each year.

It is vital that we encourage all those who are eligible to get screened and ensure that receiving screening is as easy as possible. By improving access to screening, we can catch lung cancer early and give patients the best possible hope for beating this terrible disease.

PENNSYLVANIA'S NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

(Mr. KELLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, Northeast Pennsylvania is home to a world-class energy industry that is creating prosperity and opportunities for our students, families, and economy. It is one of those things that you must see to believe.

That is why I recently hosted my colleagues from the Western Caucus, Representatives YVETTE HERRELL and Chairman DAN NEWHOUSE, to see firsthand the widespread benefits of Pennsylvania's natural gas industry.

We saw how students are being prepared for good-paying energy jobs at the Lackawanna College's School of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center. We experienced the sheer volume of natural gas production at an active drilling site, the Williams' Potter Compressor Station and Coterra Energy's natural gas wells.

To put Pennsylvania's energy dominance into perspective, one well in Susquehanna County produces as much natural gas as 4,000 wells in West Virginia. This energy means national security, a stronger workforce, and lower energy costs.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my colleagues for taking time to see the great work happening in Pennsylvania. We must protect it.

BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

(Ms. WILD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, we have been working hard on a transformative bill that will make a difference in so many people's lives, the Build Back Better Act. And yet, the Democrats who are behind this bill, who have worked on it so hard, have been under a barrage of attack and criticism for being in disarray, for being unable to get it done.

But let me say this: This is how it should be done. We are talking about historic unprecedented investments in our climate, in universal pre-K, in drug pricing, in housing policy. Why would anyone think that that is a bill that should come together quickly?

This is the legislative process. We craft. We read. We edit. We make changes. We read it again—all for the good of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, we will get this done and it will be a solid, well-thought-out, beautiful piece of legislation. It will make a real difference in people's lives. Keep the faith.

SUPPLY CHAIN BACKLOGS

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the rising costs and supply chain backlogs that are impacting hardworking families.

Store shelves across the country are empty. Families are facing what is expected to be the most expensive Thanksgiving in history.

Yet, we have heard silence from Congressional Democrats on these issues.

We need to solve these bigger supply chain issues, not double down on failing economic policies that have made life for American businesses and workers harder and more expensive.

Thanks to record inflation levels, households earning the median income have been forced to spend an additional \$175 per month on food, fuel, and housing. These higher costs are making your paychecks worth less.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to fight against these policies that are making life for Americans more expensive.

BUILD BACK BETTER

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, Congress is close to delivering the Build Back Better Act this week containing our most comprehensive social provisions ever.

Build Back Better will afford a plethora of gains our country has long sought—from our first significant action on climate change to urgently addressing the 100,000 teacher shortage as our children are returning to school.

Congress is in the end zone on this bill now, although many of us are still trying to get prescription drug prices done. And Congress is paying for Build Back Better without adding to the deficit—unlike the last administration that gave tax breaks to those least in need.

Mr. Speaker, we will make history with passage of Build Back Better.

ECONOMIC CRISIS

(Mr. CLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, time and again I come to the House floor to highlight the out-of-control spending schemes of the House majority. But sadly, this falls on deaf ears as they continue their efforts to push leftist government-dependency bills through this Chamber.

When will the majority leader realize that there is a real-world impact to their fiscal irresponsibility?

Just this past quarter, the U.S. Gross Domestic Product slowed to a disappointing 2 percent, and real disposable income decreased 5.6 percent, that is after already having decreased 30.2 percent in the second quarter.

On top of all this, inflation has increased every month since Joe Biden was sworn in and prices are at a 13-year high. Gas alone is now averaging \$3.39 a gallon—a 7-year high. With prices rising across the board, the average family is spending \$175 dollars more a month on food, fuel, and housing in Biden's America. That is more than \$2,000 a year.

Job growth has slowed dramatically, and the September jobs report fell 300,000 jobs short of what economists are predicting. This is in addition to massive shortages that have wrought havoc on our supply chain and left a record number of container ships waiting to enter our ports.

BUILDING BACK BETTER

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, three of the goals of President Biden's agenda and that of Congressional Democrats are to recover from this pandemic, to create jobs, and to lower taxes. We have met all three.

Under President Biden's leadership, case rates and hospitalizations from COVID are dropping across our country, unemployment rolls have decreased, and since January 20, approximately 5 million jobs have been created.

In addition, Democrats delivered a tax cut for families with children. We greatly expanded this tax cut, and we sent payments on a recurring monthly basis to American families. By the middle of this month, in November, the overall majority of families with children will get another round of payments directly deposited into their bank accounts.

The Joint Economic Committee has shown that this creates \$19 billion worth of economic activity in the local jurisdictions and when you let American families keep their hard-earned money, it creates economic growth. We will try to extend this tax cut for working families in the Build Back Better Act.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Republicans to join us.

SEPTEMBER BORDER NUMBERS ARE ALARMING

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask where is the administration? It is certainly not at our southern border. The crisis at the border continues to go unaddressed.

In September, more than 192,000 illegal immigrants were apprehended by our Border Patrol agents. That is a 233 percent increase over last September, and DHS has warned this month we could see as many as 400,000.

Mr. Speaker, I ask: Where are my Democrat colleagues on this crisis?

Under the leadership of the other side of the aisle, this House has not considered a single piece of meaningful legislation to address the issue. The strategy appears to be pretend as if the problem doesn't exist. Meanwhile, a record 1.2 million people have been caught trying to cross the border illegally this year. Imagine how many

tens of thousands have evaded capture—who might be dangerous to our local communities—and made it into this country.

Rather than solving this crisis, this body is instead considering legislation that will pave the way for mass amnesty. It is irresponsible.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to step up, come to the table, hold real bipartisan discussions and focus on this crisis.

HONORING JOVITA MOORE

(Mrs. MCBATH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jovita Moore, an award-winning journalist whose presence and professionalism were known across newsrooms around Georgia and throughout the country.

I, and so many whose lives she touched every single day, are deeply saddened by her passing. Her life was a positive force for good in this world. Every evening, little girls saw themselves on the television knowing that one day they could be the woman their community trusted at the end of each day.

So while we mourn her death and suffer our heartbreak, I want to take this time to celebrate the life of a woman who always stood steadfast and resolute, who was classy and consistent in presenting us the facts and the news of the moment.

This week, our hearts are with Jovita's family and her children, and my prayers are with the WSB team.

SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS

(Mr. HERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERN. Mr. Speaker, nearly every Member of this body proclaims to be a champion of small business. But how many follow with action?

Time after time my colleagues are presented with opportunities to vote in support of small businesses and then repeatedly fail to live up to their hollow promises.

They say they support small businesses, but Democrats proudly support increases on small businesses and job creators.

They are actively disrupting the labor market by keeping workers out of the workforce with never-ending handouts to able-bodied Americans.

They are preventing first-generation entrepreneurs from passing a successful business on to the next generation.

They are expanding credits for childcare without any work requirements for the parents.

They are surveilling small businesses and farmers through the IRS.

The Democrat dream is an America dependent on Big Government. It

couldn't be farther from the American Dream where a guy like me, who grew up on food stamps, could take a big idea and a big work ethic and turn it into a successful business career and job creator.

Under Democrat policies, we may see the end of the American Dream. We cannot let that happen.

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BUILD BACK BETTER FOR PENNSYLVANIA

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, our negotiations have been long, but today we are closer than ever to passing Build Back Better. We have heard enough about the process. Let's talk about the impact, the transformative investments we are making in our children, our seniors, and our planet.

And let me say this loudly and clearly: It is paid for; paid for with the taxes ensuring that corporations and the mega-rich pay their fair share, and IRS investments closing the multi-trillion dollar tax gap.

Paid-for, historic investments in our future: In Pennsylvania alone, more than 200,000 children will have access to high-quality pre-K, and more than 730,000 children will gain access to childcare.

Childcare and extended child tax credits will ease the financial burdens that our parents face. They are not the only ones, 122,000 uninsured Pennsylvanians will have healthcare. Bold climate action will help our districts that have seen an increase in climate disasters.

My Commonwealth is ready for both Build Back Better and the bipartisan infrastructure bill. The process will be forgotten, the investments will not.

HIGHER HEATING BILLS

(Mr. BOST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOST. Mr. Speaker, the average cost of a gallon of gas in my hometown of Murphysboro, Illinois, is \$3.60 and rising. That is not all. Tonight's temperatures will dip down to about 29 degrees in southern Illinois and families will be dialing up the thermostat.

Many of my constituents rely on propane to heat their homes during these colder months. According to the Energy Information Administration, midwestern families that use propane this winter can expect to pay as much as 54 percent more in their heating bills; potentially an additional \$1,800 this winter.

Southern Illinois and southern Illinoisans are feeling that crunch. Yet, many of my Democrat colleagues only care about passing their socialist